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FOR: **ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE**

EXAMINER: DIONNE WALLS MAYES

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STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATIONS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

Applicant advises that the following may be material to the examination of the present Application. The applications or patents identified below include certain elements in common with the claims of the present application.

I. Family 2 Applications Based on PCT/CN04/00182

1. In 10/547,244 claims were rejected by Examiner Mayes, AU 1747 as anticipated by Voges U.S. Patent No. 6,196,218; and over Voges in view of Andersson et al U.S. Pat. Appl. 2004/0182403; and over Voges in view of Katase U.S. Pat. Appl. 2005/0016550. This application is abandoned.

2. In 13/088,276 claims were rejected by Examiner Mayes over Voges in view of Robinson U.S. Patent No. 1,775,947. This application is allowed in a 4/15/2013 Notice of Allowance.

3. In 13/548,659 claims were rejected by Examiner Mayes, AU 1747 as anticipated by Pricenski U.S. Patent No. 3,551,643 and over Pricenski in view of Hagland U.S. Patent No. 4,207,457. This application is abandoned.

II. Family 3 Applications Based on PCT/CN05/00337

1. In 10/587,707, now U.S. Patent No. 7,832,410, claims were rejected by Examiner Calandra, AU 1791 over Voges, Chard U.S. Patent No. 4,484,374, Kanesaka U.S. Patent No. 5,042,470, Takeda U.S. Patent No. 4,641,053, and Cewers U.S. Patent No. 6,357,671.

2. In 12/944,123 claims were rejected by Examiner Mayes: for double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 7,832,410 in view of Voges in view of Kanesaka; as obvious over Voges in view of Kanesaka and Cewers U.S. Patent No. 6,357,671.

3. Application 13/560,789 was filed on July 27, 2012 and allowed by Examiner Mayes on May 10, 2013 over Brooks U.S. Patent 4,947,875.

III. Family 4A Applications Based on PCT/CN2007/001575

1. In 12/226,818, now U.S. Patent No. 8,156,944, Examiner Mayes rejected claims over Hon '043 U.S. Pat. App. 2007/0267031 (the Family 3 Application listed above) in view of Hon U.S. Pat. App. 2006/0196518 (the Family 2 Application listed above). U.S. Patent No. 8,156,944 is in reexamination in 95/002,235 with claims rejected over Chinese Patent Application No. 03111582.9 (Family 3) alone, and in combination with Chinese Patent Application No. 200420031182 (Family 2). In the reexamination the requestor has also proposed rejections further relying on Kessler U.S. Patent No. 6,095,153, Roberts et al U.S. Patent No. 4,819,665, Gerth U.S. Patent No. 4,735,217, Imperial Tobacco, Brooks U.S. Patent No. 4,947,874, Counts U.S. Patent No. 5,388,594, Deevi U.S. Patent No 5,224,498, which were not adopted by the USPTO. The requestor has further proposed rejections based on the combination of Family 3 and Family 2 and Oljaca et al U.S. Patent No. 6,601,776, which have not yet been acted on by the USPTO.

2. Application 13/079,937, now U.S. Patent No. 8,365,742, was filed on April 5, 2011 and allowed on November 14, 2012 by Examiner Mayes with no prior art rejections. In an in-person interview the following references were discussed: Voges, U.S. Patent No. 6,196,218; Robinson, U.S. Patent No. 1,775,947; Counts, U.S. Patent

No. 5,144,962; Brooks, U.S. Patent No. 4,947,875; Japan Tobacco, EP 0 845 220 B1; Hon Lik WO/2004/095955; and Hon Lik WO/2005/099494 were discussed.

IV. Family 4B Applications Based on PCT/CN2007/001576

1 In 12/226,819, now U.S. Patent No. 8,375,957, Examiner Mayes rejected claims over CN 2719043 (the Family 3 Application listed above) in view of NPL TechPowerUp Internet Webpage and Paterno U.S. Patent Application 20080257367, with U.S. Pat. App. 2006/01965518 (the Family 2 Application listed above) and Katase considered to be pertinent.

2. Application 13/754,521 was filed January 30, 2013 and has not yet been examined.

V. Family 6 Applications Based on PCT/CN2010/000125

1. In 13/208,257, claims were rejected by Examiner Phu Hoang Nguyen, AU 1747, over Han CN200966824Y with U.S. Pub 20090188490 for citation.

2. In 13/426,817, claims were rejected by Examiner Phu Hoang Nguyen, AU 1747, over Han CN200966824Y with U.S. Pub 20090188490 for citation.

VI. Family 8 Applications Based on PCT/CN2010/073613

1. Application 13/330,499 was filed 12/19/2011 and has not yet been examined.

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